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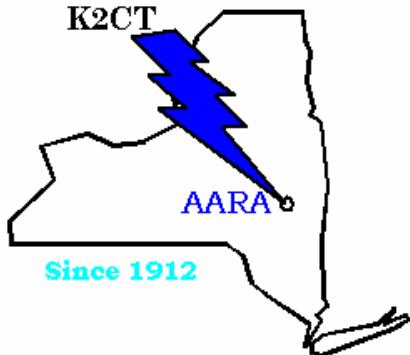
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center

1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday Jan. 13

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

JAN. Meeting

HD Radio

Digital comes to radio broadcasting. A new generation of consumer AM & FM radio receivers are about to hit the market.

David Galletly, KM2O and Brian Szewczyk, NJ1F will talk about the development of IBOC (In Band On Channel) digital broadcasting.

Dave works at WAMC/Northeast Public Radio which has installed several HD Radio transmitters mostly manufactured by Brian's employer, the Harris Corporation.

K2CT Repeater

**Talk-in repeater
145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz**

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz

**K2CT Repeater 145.19
w/pl tone 103.5Hz
AARA Dues**

Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in
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newsletter Checks should be made out to
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THE TOYS HAVE LANDED! 2005 HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE GIFTS GET TO GULF COAST

The ARRL Letter Dec. 23, 2005

"Mission accomplished!" That was the word on the 2005 Holiday Toy Drive from ARRL Delta Division Vice Director Henry Leggette, WD4Q, and assistant warehouse volunteer coordinator Joe Lowenthal, WA4OVO, on the US Gulf Coast after they'd completed unloading some 5000 toys contributed by generous Amateur Radio clubs and individual radio amateurs from all over. In addition, the second ARRL Holiday Toy Drive benefited from more than \$8000 in cash donations, which permitted the purchase of gifts for older recipients and helped defray the costs of transporting the toys.

"The 2005 ARRL/Salvation Holiday Toy Drive is about completed with the exception of the cleanup," Leggette reported this week. The toys headed to Mississippi following a December 15 sendoff ceremony in Memphis.

ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP--who spearheaded the drive from the League Headquarters side--says Lowenthal, a former FedEx employee, did such a professional packing job that he only needed one truck--instead of the anticipated three--to transport the toys to coastal Mississippi from Memphis, saving even more money to purchase additional toys. "The overwhelming response of hams around the country was clear as thousands of toys, games, bikes and stuffed animals headed south," he added.

The ARRL Toy Drive partnered with The Salvation Army, whose distribution network throughout the Gulf Coast remains intact. "The Salvation Army has the ability to screen recipients and will assure that the toys are used where they are truly needed most," Pitts explained. A big rental moving van took the full load directly to Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi.

Representatives of The Salvation Army and the League were on hand in Memphis December 15 to see the truckload of toys southward. Holiday Toy Drive national chairperson and country music singer Patty Loveless, KD4WUJ, joined Amateur

Radio volunteers, the news media, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus for the occasion.

"For those who couldn't be here, I'm sure they're here in spirit and giving from their hearts, and I just want to thank them--from all around--for collecting," Loveless told ARRL.

Bill Feist, WB8BZH, The Salvation Army's disaster services director for the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi division, represented his organization for the occasion. "We are certainly very appreciative of what all the Amateur Radio operators around the country and the ARRL have done for the people of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi," he said.

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, summed it up simply in thanking Pitts for his role: "It was a great, great project."

AARA ANNUAL SPRINT

2005 AARA 10-METER SPRINT RESULTS

CALL	QSOS	SCORE
K2XF	14	23
KB2HPW	10	19
KB2HPX	10	19
N2LBR	10	19
WA1KKM	6	15
W2UV	5	14
K2CT (K2XA, op.)	14	14

Also heard on the air for the sprint were the following stations:

N1JP, WE2F, K2BX, N1EU, N2LBT, KF2SY, KB2H WL, W2XM, N2NUJ, K2BXB

73, and thanks for all the scores!
Sue, N2LBR and Walt, WA1KKM

Operating Events

- Jan 14-15 -North American QSO Party
- Jan 21-23 -ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes--80-Meter Straight Key Sprint
- Jan 21-23 -International United Teenager Contest CW/SSB
- Jan 28-29 -BARTG RTTY Sprint
-CQ WW 160-Meter Contest—CW
- Feb 11-12 -CQWW RTTY WPX
- Feb 28-29 -CQ WW 160-Meter Contest--SSB

2005 CQ WORLD-WIDE DX CONTEST - CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
WE2F	SO (H) A	1634	239	77	1,486,780
K2ONP	SO (H) A	1096	(430)		1,318,380
N2LBR (+WA1KKM)	M/S	853	326	97	1,001,664
K2EP	SO (H) A	635	331	93	742,000
K2XF	SO (H) A	623	290	84	641,410
N1JP	SO (H) A	569	312	93	630,180
K2BX	SO (H) A	483	(319)		434,478
WK2H	SO (H) A	502	229	65	417,774
W2GDJ	SO (L)	340	162	63	207,000
NJ1F	SO (L) A	300	182	59	196,656

2005 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- CW RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2ONP	U	603	78	94,068
K2XA	A	160	65	20,800
W2GDJ	A	156	62	19,344
W2XM	A	160	55	17,600
WE2F	B	34	18	1,224

2005 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
NJ1F (@K1TTT)	B	1333	80	213,280
W2GDJ	U	1075	80	172,000
K2ONP	U	290	69	40,020
KM2O	A	254	71	36,068
K2XA	A	100	60	12,000

2005 ARRL 160-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
N1EU	SO (H)	1234	116	321,436
K2ONP	SO (H)	500	80	82,880
W2GDJ	SO (L)	420	67	56,682
K2XA	SO (L)	176	67	25,795
NJ1F	M/S	159	47	16,215
WA1KKM	SO (L)	62	25	3,175

AT THE FEB. MEETING**AARA CLUB FLEA MARKET**Bring your goodies to sell/
Bring money to buy

Dec. 2005 Meeting

AARA Annual Dinner

Please mark your calendars. The annual dinner will be **Friday April 7, 2006** at the Shaker Ridge Country Club. More details later

Bud Hovey, WF2B

www.k2ct.net

WE are looking for pictures of your Ham Shack

Send pictures to Peter, N2KAD

Please try the new site and let me know what you think. If you have any feedback please let me know.

73, Peter Hines, N2KAD, webmaster hines@nycap.rr.com with any suggestions.

SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at
wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

At the February Meeting
AARA Club Flea Market
 Bring your goodies to sell
 Bring money to buy

What is it About Hams and Clocks?



tom lish II (N6AJR)
 on January 2, 2006

What is it about Hams and Clocks? I just noticed that in the shack I have 1 atomic digital clock, 3 regular digital clocks, (2 Zulu one local time), 3 round analog clocks, (1 Zulu, 2 local), and 2 alarm clocks, (both local time).

I dare say that most hams have at least 1 "extra" clock in their shack. You need at least one for local time, and one for the UTC, Zulu, Greenwich, or what ever you call it. But how many do you actually have in your shack? (We will give you a freebee; don't count your wristwatch.)

The funny part of it is my log is on my computer, and it auto logs the correct Zulu time. So go figure.

So I guess its "Time" to say "Watch" out for time, as it will pass quickly no matter how many clocks we have. Use each minute as if it was your last, for some day it will be.

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Take Time to Watch your children grow; take Time to Watch the flowers bloom. Take Time to put up that new antenna. And take Time to enjoy your friends and family.

Only one thing I really hate, is when you have to set the clocks, for Day light savings time twice a year, and isn't it always after the power goes out, and you set all the clocks in the house (kitchens seem to grow clocks, too), and as you set the last clock, the power blinks just long enough to wipe out all the clocks, again.

And remember, that flashing "1200" on the VCR is accurate twice a day, and you can hide it with a bit of electrical tape, or call it an art deco night light...

I guess its time to get the clock out of here, seasons greetings to all!!!

Public Service:

Volunteer CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304
AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA



Meeting Dec 2005

12180 or e-mail at k2bx@arrl.net

B-PLUS Feb. deadline is Jan 28th